

SUICIDE IN SUMTER.

Maj. H. F. Wilson, Master in Equity, Takes His Life.

A special to The State of Wednesday says:

"Sumter was shocked this morning to hear that Hon. H. Frank Wilson had killed himself. At 8:30 he was sitting in his office in the court house talking with his father when he rose from his chair, stepped into his vault and pulled the inner door to. In a minute his father heard a pistol shot. It was a few minutes before the vault door could be opened and Maj. Wilson was then found stretched on the floor with a pistol ball through his right temple. Death was instantaneous.

"It had been noticed by his companions in the court house lately that Maj. Wilson did not seem himself. His father was with him yesterday and noticed that he was so nervous that he determined not to go to his home in the country, but spent the night with his son. He says that nothing in the major's manner or conversation this morning gave him any intimation that he was contemplating suicide. It was undoubtedly a case of temporary insanity. About a year ago Mrs. Wilson died, and Maj. Wilson has not been in good health for some time and he evidently was depressed.

"His death will be a source of sorrow to hundreds of friends, besides his surviving relatives, his father, B. F. Wilson; his brothers, Rev. B. F. Wilson, M. B. Wilson and A. F. Wilson, and his sister, Mrs. Moultrie Reid, Mrs. H. L. Shaw and several other sisters.

"He had no children. Maj. Wilson was 54 years of age.

"The death of Maj. H. Frank Wilson this morning was the greatest shock and occasioned more pain and surprise than anything which has happened in Sumter in many years.

Everybody's Friend.

"Major Wilson, as he was most familiarly known, was everybody's friend. Within his big and noble heart there was naught but love and good-will for his fellowmen. Sumter county suffers a heavy loss by his untimely death. He was intensely patriotic and his love for his native State and country knew no limits. He was a loyal member of the 'old guard,' the '76 Democracy,' and a former teacher. He was not one who sought worldly riches, nor political fame. Retiring in his disposition, modest as to himself, he came to the front only in the defense of his friends, in the interest of his country and his State when duty called him to the front.

"His wife was Miss Georgia Law, of Savannah. His great respect and interest for his aged father and mother and his sisters and brothers all marked the man as an unusually lovable character.

"He was one of the best known and most popular men of South Carolina. He was a past grand chancellor of grand domain, Knights of Pythias of South Carolina, a former member of the general assembly of this State and a member of the judiciary committee of that body, was mayor and alderman of Sumter for a number of years, a leading member of the Sumter bar, and was master in the equity at the time of his death. He was captain of the Sumter Light Infantry for years, and made a popular and efficient commanding officer.

"There are few men who held as close a place in the hearts of his fellow citizens as did H. Frank Wilson, as his was a life that was full of noble deeds.

"The funeral will be held at the residence of Mr. M. B. Wilson at 11 o'clock Thursday. Gamecock lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, will have charge of the services at the grave. The Sumter county and city officials will attend in a body.

"Maj. Wilson was born near Mayesville, Sumter county, June 23, 1854. He graduated at Davidson College. He taught school for a number of years and then began the practice of law, wherein he has distinguished himself. He was a popular Free Mason and was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church."

SOUTH CAROLINA GREAT STATE.

Her Wonderful Resources Enumerated by One of Her Eloquent Sons.

Hyperbole is a figure of speech in which the orator has been wont to indulge from time immemorial. But we doubt if either the legislative halls or the political hustings have ever evolved the equal of this outburst of eloquence from an enraptured public speaker on the other side of the Savannah river. It discounts any Fourth of July oration we ever heard. Exclaims the wonderful bugler:

"Has it ever occurred to you, Mr. Chairman, that the cotton cloth made in South Carolina annually would make a sheet big enough to cover the entire face of America and Europe and lap over on the toes of Asia? Or, if all the cattle raised in each year were one cow, she could browse on the tropical vegetation along the equator, while her tail switched icicles off the North Pole and that her milk could float a ship load of her butter and cheese from Charleston to New York? Or, if all the mules that are marketed each year were one mule, it would consume the entire annual corn crop of North Carolina at one meal, and kick the spots off the sun without swelling its side or shaking its tail? Or, if the hogs we raise annually were one hog, that animal would dig the Panama canal in three roots, without grunting, and its squeak would be loud enough to jar the cocoanuts off the trees in Central America?"—Atlanta Georgian.

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HOW ITS DONE IN CLARENDON.

Young Man Forced to Marry and Skips Out For Columbia.

Columbia, May 19.—Had Governor Ansel been in the city today he would have been called upon for some advice in a most unusual case. Just about the time that the Coast Line rolled in from the Pee Dee a young man sauntered into the office of the Governor. He gave a furtive glance around him to see that all was quiet and then he spoke. What he said made those who were present sit up and take notice, for 'twas a pretty tale the man was telling.

"Ye gods," he said, "me thinks I can yet see pistols flashing, guns held in the hands of those who would do me murder," this in melodramatic fashion. But the thought of what had really happened sobered the man to plain speech—for those around him knew not yet what was the cause of the visit.

The visitor gave his name as C. M. Holliday, of Manning, and his petition was that he be in some manner relieved from a marital situation, into which he claims that he was forced to enter Monday one week ago, at the point of at least 25 pistols and shot-guns in the hands of kinsmen of the girl they forced him to marry—at least go through the ceremony—under threats of killing him.

Holliday—who looks to be about 21 years of age—says that he was out at his home in the field when a crowd came after him with pistols and guns, and said: "Come with us." He went. The party having entered the church, a minister was sent for, the Rev. J. R. Funderburk, and Holliday was told that he would have to get married.

"But I don't want to get married," said Holliday.

"We'll see about that," said the near kinsmen. The husband-to-be telling the story today said: "And I could see the lead moving around inside those guns, and I decided to get married."

The preacher, said Holliday, didn't want to perform the ceremony, but was told that he had to, then said, he would marry the whole family if necessary. "Well, what happened?" Holliday was asked.

"It was just this way: Looking down the muzzle of those guns I let the preacher ask the questions, but I never answered one of them. Yes, the girl said yes all the way through, but I never opened my mouth. Just after we left the church I skipped, but they came after me again. Then I rode across the country in a closed buggy and went to Pinewood, from which place I took the train for Columbia. And I'll be fair to you boys. I am not going to stay here either. Of course, I am not telling you where I am going, but I'll not stay here unless the marriage can be annulled."

Holliday was advised to consult an attorney in the matter.

Firemen's Strike Serious.

Augusta, Ga., May 21.—The firemen's strike on the Georgia railroad is becoming very serious. The railroad said it is much more serious than it was at this time last night. White Fireman Sloan was forcibly ejected from the Buckhead train at Thomson, 40 miles out, to-night. The passengers and mail laid over until 1 a. m. there and missed all connections. A freight loaded with perishable goods is on the side track at Lithonia, near Atlanta. Three firemen have been sent to it and all have failed the company and the armed guards arrested for carrying weapons concealed. The Picayune, due here at 8:45 a. m., is still tied up at Camak. Three trains are sidetracked at Deering. A mixed train, two through freights and two local freights are tied up at Union Point. United States postal inspectors have reached there to protect the mails. One through freight is tied up at Thompson. At Thompson today an angry crowd jerked the armed guard from an engine, beat him and ordered him back to Augusta. There is no train moving on the Athens branch. The sheriff of McDuffie county and the mayor of Union Point admit that they cannot preserve order.

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Peebles Case Postponed.

Norfolk, Va., May 22.—At the preliminary hearing today of Eugene Peebles, the young molder from Augusta and Savannah, Ga., who yesterday killed his wife by chopping her head open with an axe, Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton secured a postponement until May 25. He said alienists are now examining Peebles and that the State will be able to show beyond doubt that Peebles while perfectly sane killed his wife as the result of unjustified jealousy. Peebles, following 24 hours of insane antics, weeping and nervousness, was today discovered in his cell at the police station in a state of total collapse. Physicians were hurriedly summoned and Peebles' eyes showing signs of possible poisoning by cocaine a stomach pump was used. City Physicians McDonald and Talliaferro, while not fully convinced that it was not a case of poisoning, expressed the belief that it probably is nervous collapse. Peebles, still unconscious, is now in the jail hospital.

Two Storm Victims Die.

Savannah, Ga., May 22.—Two deaths occurred here today as a result of the recent cyclone, which, after sweeping over the Southern States, left Georgia at this place. J. W. Traylor, who was injured internally and had both legs broken when the Henderson-Hull factory was smashed, died this morning. Joseph M. Hanley, a city fireman, who was called out to rescue the injured during the cyclone, was drenched by the rain and his resulting illness resulted in his death today.

NEGRO FARM OWNERS.

Some of the Successful—Great Tracts of Cotton Lands.

The biggest negro farmer in South Carolina is in Marion county, says the Columbia Sun. It used to be Tracy Alford, but Tracy has invested in town property and cut his farm down. Marion yet holds the belt, regardless of the claims of Sumter and Orangeburg counties, and even of William Murray, of Wedgefield, who has 180 acres in cotton and will make far over a hundred bales, and even our friend, Bob Babb, of Cross Hill, who makes 100 bales a year.

Butler General, a quiet, unassuming looking negro, who lives about five miles from Marion court house, is truly the biggest negro farmer in South Carolina. General has 200 acres in cotton in one level field without a flow or a washout, and 100 acres in another lot, 300 acres in cotton as fine as any man's, from which General says he will gather at least 280 bales and he expects more. This is his own land, for which he would not take \$75 an acre.

It is one unbroken field of as fine farm land, level and all stumped, as Aycock or any white farmer owns, and it's paid for, costing him years ago \$25 and \$30 an acre. He had 200 acres of valuable timber land and several hundred acres on his other places, about 1,000 acres in all. He runs eighteen plows on his plantation and used 140 tons of guano, costing him about \$2,000. His farm supplies cost \$3,000, making his outlay \$5,000. General is an open hearted, progressive negro. He has a church and school house on his place and gets all the labor he wants to work his farm. Anderson General, a brother, works one of the plantations, keeping it up to the acre mark. Both the Generals are good, Christian-hearted men, lovers of the acre and loyal citizens.

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Confesses to Boy's Murder.

Richmond, Va., May 22.—At Abingdon, Va., Robert Moore, a negro, who was in jail for horse stealing, last night confessed to the murder of James Hines, the 15-year-old son of Robert A. Hines, white, of that place. Recently the body of the boy was found near Freeling, Dickson county, Va. The head had been severed from the body and the arms and legs cut off. Moore said that another negro had held Hines while he cut his throat. They then robbed him of \$65 and hid the body under some brush. Moore was taken away from Abingdon last night to avoid the danger of lynching.

Boy Not Murdered.

Bristol, Va., May 24.—It developed to-day that the negro, Robert Moore, who was hurried away from Abingdon Saturday under heavy guard to prevent a lynching, after having confessed that he murdered James Hines, the 16-year-old son of an Abingdon druggist, is insane and that the boy has not been murdered. The supposed decapitated body of the boy, reported to have been found in Dickinson county, where the negro said he committed the atrocious crime, was re-examined to-day and found to be the carcass of a dog.

SENSATION IN ANDERSON.

Shylock Case Thrown Out by Solicitor Proctor Bonham.

Anderson, May 21.—A sensation was sprung in the court yesterday afternoon, when Solicitor Bonham, after hearing the testimony of Mr. J. F. Rice, complainant in the case against C. D. and Gertrude A. Pyle, charged with obtaining goods by false pretenses, told the witness to come down from the stand and ordered a verdict of not guilty. "Well," he said, "you will have to come down, Mr. Rice. I will have to direct a verdict of not guilty. I cannot prosecute this case in this court." The applause that followed this statement by the solicitor, shook the court room, and was continued long and loud.

In the warrant against the Pyles it was charged that they had borrowed \$25 from Mr. Rice, who is a money lender, on August 31st, 1907, and were to have paid back \$30.50. They secured the amount by a mortgage on certain articles of furniture, etc., and failed to make settlement. By Mr. Rice's testimony it was shown that the Pyles had borrowed \$25, but had in reality gotten only \$10, the \$15 having been paid back to Mr. Rice for drawing certain papers. The Pyles were represented by Messrs. Paget and Watkins.

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